Hindustan Copper Limited on promotional posts;

(b) whether there has been discontentment amongst the officers of Hindustan Copper Limited on this issue ;

(c) whether for the purpose of accommodating officers from Hindustan Zinc Limited, some of the officers of Hindustan Copper Limited were downgraded on one plea or the other ; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a), An Officer of Hindustan Zinc Limited is on deputation to Hindustan Copper Limited as Executive Director (Metallurgical services).

(b) There was no case for discontentment amongst Officers of Hindustan Copper Limited since no one was affected by this deputation.

(c) No., Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant

3337. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Birla Technical Services Limited, a company having been awarded contract for part of modernisation programme of Durgapur Steel Plant, does not have any past experience in steel manufacturing;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had initiated discussions with the company as early as in 1987 for this ;

(c) whether a large number of employees /Officers of SAIL including those who retired from SAIL have joined the company ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR) : (a) The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) have reported that M/s. Birla Technical Services (BTS) have previous experience of work in steel sector.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). According to information available to Government some officials who had earlier served with SAIL are presently associated with M/s. BTS.

Cases of corruption and misfeasance against some engineers of AIR

3338. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had forwarded cases of corruptions and other misfeasance including financial irregularities committed by some engineers of different wings of All India Radio for investigation by CBI;

(b) whether there being prima-facie evidence of corruption against these engineers the CBI has delayed registration of cases for want of some Departmental information ;

(c) whether the required information are not being given properly by AIR ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K.K. TEWARY) : (a) and (b) Complaints received against